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In re application of: Livshits et al.

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STRAINS BELONGING TO THE  
GENUS ESCHERICHIA AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
AMINO ACID

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Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-captioned application and accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please amend the patent application as follows, and please consider the accompanying remarks.